

PROCLAMATION

Declaring a Disaster Emergency in the Town of Bedford

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization [WHO] designated the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern;

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the WHO declared COVID-19 a pandemic, pointing to the over 118,000 cases of the coronavirus illness in over 110 countries and territories around the world and the sustained risk of further global spread.

WHEREAS, both travel-related cases and community contact transmission of COVID-19 have been documented in New York State and the County of Westchester and more are expected to continue, including the possibility of the Town of Bedford; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bedford is addressing the threat that COVID-19 poses to the health and welfare of its residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT I, Chris Burdick, Supervisor of the Town of Bedford, by virtue of the authority vested in me by and the Laws of the State of New York, hereby find, pursuant to Section 24 of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, that a disaster is impending in the Town of Bedford, and I do hereby declare a State disaster emergency for the Town of Bedford. This Emergency Declaration shall be in effect for thirty (30) days until April 13, 2020, or sooner if rescinded; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT, pursuant to Section 24 of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, I direct the implementation of the Town of Bedford Emergency Management Plan and authorize all necessary Town agencies to take appropriate action to prepare for, respond to and recover from this disaster emergency, to protect Town of Bedford property, and to provide such other assistance as is necessary to protect public health, welfare, and safety.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 24(1)(g) of Article 2-B of the Executive Law to temporarily suspend or modify any local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation, or parts thereof, if compliance with such local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation would prevent, hinder, or delay action necessary to cope with the disaster emergency or if necessary to assist or aid in coping with such disaster

G I V E N under my hand and the Privy Seal of the Town of Bedford this 13th day of March in the year two thousand twenty.

BY THE TOWN SUPERVISOR



CHRIS BURDICK